

**Child Support Advisory Committee Minutes**  
**October 14, 2016**  
**Botanical Center – Walsh Room**  
**909 Robert D. Ray Drive**  
**Des Moines, IA**

**Members / Alternates Present:** Christopher Robinson, Barbara Van Allen, Dick Woods, Kathy Mika, Evelyn Ocheltree, Maja Rater, Honorable Rich Taylor, Debra Moore, Fred Scaletta, Honorable Eliza Ovrom.

**Others Present:** Carol Eaton, Mark Rath, Alicia Hill, Abby Stanek, Anna Lyons, Erica Wolfe, Kristin Olson, Dena Sloan, John Nelson (guest).

**Members / Alternates Absent:** Honorable Mark Costello, Honorable Deborah Berry, Honorable Rob Bacon, David Jungmann, Kylie Claycomb, Matthew Weichers, Cherie Lawson, Greg Hughes, Suzanne Overton.

**1. Welcome**

Ms. Eaton called the meeting to order at 1:05 pm and welcomed everyone.

**2. Discuss / Approve September 2015 Minutes**

Ms. Van Allen moved to approve the minutes for the September 11, 2015 meeting. Ms. Ocheltree seconded the motion. The motion was carried.

**Discuss / Approve April 2016 Minutes**

Ms. Van Allen moved to approve the minutes for the April 1, 2016 meeting. Ms. Ocheltree seconded the motion. The motion was carried.

**Dicsuss / Approve June 2016 Minutes**

Ms. Van Allen moved to approve the minutes for the June 10, 2016 meeting. Ms. Ocheltree seconded the motion. The motion was carried.

**3. Bureau Chief's Report**

**A. Program Update**

Ms. Eaton advised that the SFY18/19 budget for CSRU has been submitted as a status quo budget with the SFY17 budget and she provided a handout on the CSRU budget pages and briefly reviewed.

In SFY16, CSRU had more than 168,000 cases which are projected to remain level through SFY18 and SFY19. In SFY16, a total of \$322.8 million was collected of which \$17.8 million went to state and federal governments to offset the cost of public assistance. 2,844,561 child support payments were processed in SFY16. In SFY16, CSRU collected more than 74% of current support in the month due which compares to the national average of 65%.

Ms. Eaton stated that CSRU would not have a legislative package for SFY17.

## **B. Paternity Outreach Efforts**

Ms. Abby Stanek with Iowa State University provided handouts and a review of the Voluntary Paternity Affidavit Program. This outreach program emphasizes why establishing paternity is important and covers the legal, social, and psychological benefits associated with paternity establishment.

A major focus of the program involves reaching out and visiting the 73 birthing hospitals in the state of Iowa that submit voluntary paternity affidavits to the Bureau of Health Statistics. Topics covered during these visits include a background on paternity affidavits, the importance of accurate completion, and addressing individual hospital questions/situations.

## **C. Child Support 101 Review**

Ms. Eaton provided an updated copy of the *Iowa Child Support Recovery Unit General Program Information* and reviewed.

## **D. Performance Statistics**

Ms. Eaton provided a handout on performance statistics and reviewed.

# **4. Old Business**

## **A. Guidelines Review Update**

Judge Ovrom and Ms. Ocheltree provided an update on the Supreme Court Guidelines review meeting that was held on August 19, 2016. Recommendations so far include:

- keep the \$30 minimum order amount
- keeping the current income shares model
- changing Rule 9.5 to include the definition of net and gross income
- keeping the current grids used to calculate support
- pro-rate the health insurance premium amount
- address what to do with child care expenses (what other states are doing)

A sub-committee was appointed to discuss public education on the guidelines. The committee decided to partner with the Iowa State Bar Association to produce an educational video on guidelines to show at the “*Children in the Middle*” class.

Two more meetings are scheduled before the 12/12/16 report due date.

## **B. Finalize By-Laws**

Mr. Woods moved to approve the Child Support Advisory Committee by-laws that were revised September 11, 2015. Ms. Van Allen seconded the motion. The motion was carried.

## **5. New Business**

### **A. 2017 Meeting Dates**

Proposed upcoming committee meeting dates of May 5, 2017 and November 3, 2017 were shared with the group and sent out in follow-up communication to all committee members. Location and times are still to be determined.

## **6. Other Business**

None.

## **7. Public Comment**

A copy of the public comment that was received after the last meeting was included with the agenda and materials that were sent to the members prior to this meeting. The customer that provided the comment has since been contacted.

## **8. Adjourn**

The meeting adjourned at 2:01 pm.

The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for May 5, 2017 with the time and location to be determined and shared with the committee when finalized.